(c) Zone-wise detail is as under:

| Sl. No. | Rly. Zone | No. of pending cases with Rlys. | Sl. No. | Rly. Zone | No. of pending cases with Rlys. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | CR | 22 | 9 | WR | 41 |
| 2 | ER | 1 | 10 | EC | – |
| 3 | NR | 1 | 11 | E.Co.R | – |
| 4 | NE | 3 | 12 | NCR | – |
| 5 | NF | – | 13 | NWR | 53 |
| 6 | SR | 127 | 14 | SECR | – |
| 7 | SC | 5 | 15 | SWR | 49 |
| 8 | SE | 5 | 16 | WCR | – |

**Separate rail route arrangements from operations**

2744. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from the Planning Commission to separate rail route arrangement from operations, to attract foreign investments in Railways and to allow entry to various companies in container business in order to create competitiveness in this business; and

(b) if so, the response of his Ministry alongwith details of present status of the action already taken and proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No specific proposal in this regard has been received from Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise. However, as per policy to open up the container train business, 15 parties belonging to public, private and cooperative sector have been given permission to procure their own wagons and set up Inland Container Depots. Running of these trains will be done by Indian Railways as per haulage charges applicable.

**Haridaspur-Paradeep rail line**

2745. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of laying railway line between Haridaspur to Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) whether a conspiracy to put this project in cold storage is being hatched; and

(c) whether this project can be expedited more speedily than the estimate made in the Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line project has been sanctioned. The work is being executed by Haridaspur-Paradeep Railway Company Limited (HPRCL), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) created by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Shareholder Agreement signed on 11.10.06. The work on long lead item of Mahanadi and Luna bridge has already been taken up. Further, earthwork, bridgeworks and building works on entire project length is being taken up. The project is targeted for completion by 2009-10.

**Bogus caste certificates**

2746. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of SC/ST bogus caste certificate cases in various Departments of his Ministry as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) in how many cases, his Ministry has started departmental proceedings against the concerned employees from the above numbers;

(c) in how many cases, the matter is pending before various courts; and

(d) what are the action plan by his Ministry to finalise all the above cases and to fill up the vacancies by appropriate candidates belonging to SC and ST?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Proposal to connect AC coach in passenger train**

†2747. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to connect an AC coach in 285/286 fast passenger train running from Indore to Chhindwara is under consideration;

(b) if so, by when the said AC coach would be connected and what classes of coaches are proposed to be connected in this train; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Provision of an AC coach in 285/286 Indore-Chhindwara passenger train is technically not feasible at present. However, a First class coach will be attached in the train *w.e.f.* 15.09.2007.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.